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## Information superiority focus of conference

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ROME, N.Y. — More than 250 representatives of government, industry and academia attended Information Superiority Conference 2001, a symposium outlining information technology requirements from both the military and industrial perspectives.

The event was held June 13-14 at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., co-sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Information Directorate and the Erie Canal Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA). Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr. (Ret.), Air Force vice chief of staff from July 1994 through August 1997, provided the keynote address, as the conference focused on the technologies needed to achieve and maintain information superiority for the Air Force. Also featured were speakers from industry, military and academia discussing a wide range of technologies and how they support the application of information in tomorrow's military encounters.

Donald W. Hanson, director of AFRL's Sensors Directorate and Northrup Fowler, acting chief scientist for the Information Directorate, provided overviews of future programs and technologies of importance to their respective directorates. Garry W. Barringer, technical director of the Aerospace Command and Control & Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., led a panel discussion titled "Time Critical Acquisition, A New Way of Doing Business." The panel highlighted strategies that will permit successful technology transition to operational forces, as well as new forms of cooperation and partnership being used by AFRL to provide technology solutions to the Air Force.

An industry panel discussed how industrially developed technologies support Information Superiority. Concurrent with the technical program, participating organizations presented technology demonstrations, poster board displays and exhibits. @